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Sherman's men endangered roads.

They crossed streams and rivers  
on ponton and trestle bridges  
They crossed icy water up to  
their waist.

Wheeler's Cavalry and details of negro  
soldiers had "filled bars, burned bridges  
and made obstructions to impede Sherman's  
progress

There were skirmishes every day

The 2,500 wagons of the Army carried a full supply of ammunition and a large number of government stores. The initial food supply was chocked out and systematic foraging upon the country was carried out

The soldiers tore up railroads, applied a torch to the railroad woodworks. Two steel rails destroyed all water tanks, engines & machinery